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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

IMEU-KAI-SO

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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Drowning Prevention

1. A drowning is a tragedy-affecting family, friends and co-workers. To help prevent such needless loss of life, Commanders, and Supervisors at all levels, must ensure proper emphasis is placed on water safety. Personnel should be briefed on the dangers of swimming in unauthorized or unsupervised areas; applicable restrictions; and the dangers of swimming in cold water, after drinking, during hours of darkness, or when they are tired or fatigued. Caregivers should not leave a child unattended near water at any time.
2. All commercial and community owned public beaches and swimming pools are inspected by the Gesundheitsamt and the Gewerbeaufsichtsamt (German Safety and Health Agencies), and are approved for recreational activities, unless specifically placed "off limits" by the German agencies, or by the Garrison Commander for health, safety or other cause. However, Soldiers, US employees and Family members must provide direct supervision at all times when using these swimming area as the Germans employ live savers, not the traditional life guards that are provided at US pools and beaches. Areas such as gravel pits, ponds and fast moving rivers are considered to be UNAUTHORIZED AND OFF LIMITS.
3. During recreational swimming ensure a buddy is designated, know your limits and take swim lessons if necessary. Swim in inspected areas and never during hours of darkness or after drinking. While boating or fishing wear a life jacket and go with a buddy. Supervise children at all times around water. For additional information on drowning prevention please contact the USAGK Safety Office at 489-7227.


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